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Corey Thurston
Western Clay Company
620 East State Highway 24
Aurora, Utah 84620

Re: Partial Release of Reclaimed Area, Western Clay Company, Three Knolls Quarry, S/027/0101, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thurston:

On January 25, 2010, we received your request for a full release for acreage that has been reclaimed at the Three Knolls Quarry. An inspection of the area found that the reclamation standards have been achieved except for revegetation, so the Division will need to continue to hold a portion of the reclamation surety for revegetation success. Based on the 3 acres of disturbance, the Division will retain a total of \$4000, which is \$1000 per acre for surface preparation and seeding plus \$1000 for mobilization, and demobilization of equipment to the mine site. The Division has authorized Zions First National Bank to reduce the letter of credit from \$18,600 to \$4000. The Division will continue to monitor vegetation growth, and you will be eligible for final release after three growing seasons, i.e. the fall of 2012.

The Division received a letter from Mr. A James Larsen, General Manager of Missouri Flat LP (landowner) on February 8, 2010. He indicated that the access road to the mine could remain in its current condition, so the Division is not requiring reclamation of the road.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261 or John Rogers at 801-538-5349. In response, please reference our file number S/027/0101.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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